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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 32]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 23]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No. 1148

First Inventor Frank Beursken  
Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRICING A COMMODITY

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Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16.  Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. /

Prior application information

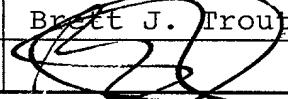
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Application Number	
Filing Date	February 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Frank Beurskens
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	1148

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity  
Fee Fee Fee Fee Description  
Code (\$)  
101 710 201 355 Utility filing fee

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Fee Fee Fee Fee Description  
Code (\$)  
106 320 206 160 Design filing fee  
107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee  
108 710 208 355 Reissue filing fee  
114 150 214 75 Provisional filing fee

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 355)**

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	<b>28</b>	-20** = <b>8</b> x <b>9</b> = <b>72</b>	
Independent Claims		-3** = <b>0</b> x <b>0</b> = <b>0</b>	
Multiple Dependent			

## Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Fee Fee Fee Description  
Code (\$)  
103 18 203 9 Claim in excess of 20  
102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3  
104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid  
109 80 209 40 \*\* Reissue independent claims over original patent  
110 18 210 9 \*\* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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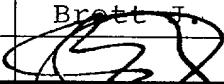
## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216 195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217 445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219 155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243 220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244 300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	<b>40</b>
146	710	246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			<b>SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 40)</b>

## SUBMITTED BY

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor Frank Beurskens

**Title** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRICING  
A COMMODITY

Atty Docket Number 1148

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02/02/01

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

1/31/01

Date

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**Signature**

Frank Beurskens

Typed or printed name

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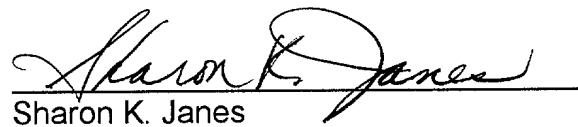
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